

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests substantive examination of the application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-26 are pending. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended above.

The foregoing amendments to the claims were made solely to broaden the claims.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserve their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

In response to the requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372, alleging that the claims of this application constitute more than "a single general inventive concept" under PCT rule 13.1 because they lack the same or corresponding special technical features under PCT rule 13.2 (see MPEP 1850), and the requirement under 37 CFR 1.499, that applicant elect a single invention to which prosecution will be restricted, applicant hereby elects the invention of group I described in the office action as consisting of claims 1-23. Applicant traverses the restriction requirement because any reasonable search of the elected group of claims will be sufficient for examining the other groups of claims, so that there is no legal reason that the examiner should insist on restriction.

The elected claims are in condition for allowance and applicant respectfully requests allowance of all the claims.

Please charge any fee deficiencies and credit any overpayments
to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

By /Michael E. Belk/
Michael E. Belk, Reg. 33,357
Attorney
(914) 333-9643